

Taylor made

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The history of cigar box instruments goes all the way back to the roots of Americana music, most notably in the South, circa early 20th century. When poverty was commonplace, so was singing those front porch blues. With instruments hard to come by, let alone the ability to purchase one, a broom handle, an old cigar box, and wires off the screen door quickly became a music-making machine. To this day, cigar box guitars still have their place in many modern rock and blues bands, utilizing their unique tone and sound. For Durangoan Taylor Green, who hand crafts these nifty guitars right down to the pick-ups, they are works of art, and no two sound the same. You can find out more about his work at www.thetaylorgreen.com Here's a look:



Getting down with the grinder.



This hand-made lap steel guitar sounds as gritty as it looks.



Played loud or soft, cigar box guitars have a wonderfully unique sound.



Green hard at work in his Durango workshop.

